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Re: British Patent Appln. 35507/71
Your Folio No. A/17759 - TR/PBM
Our File 582-703 Great Britain

Dear Sirs:

We have received your letter of January 23, 1973 with which you sent us a proposed response for filing in the above-identified application. We have carefully reviewed your proposed response as has our client, and offer the following observations.

The response is in all respects approved.

Turning to consideration of the specific points raised on page 2 of your letter, proposed claim 1 appears to be proper for coverage of the product. It is essential that the beet residues are hydrolyzed and then cross-linked. Accordingly, claim 1 as proposed should be submitted in the form sent us.

In connection with example 3 of the specification, even with the potassium hydroxide, the hydrolysis in an acid medium will still occur. You will note that a large quantity of calcium hydroxide is added after the hydrolysis step and this large quantity of calcium hydroxide only brings the pH up to 5.6. From this it would be quite apparent that the reaction medium was very acidic before the addition of the calcium hydroxide. We trust that this answers the point raised by you.

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If you need additional information, please advise by return of airmail and if on the other hand the comments we have set forth above answer your questions, file response as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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